

North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors
Association Business Meeting
September 26, 2017
Crown Plaza, Blue Ridge Room, Asheville, NC

Minutes

Meeting Called To Order – Jim Bruckner

Mr. Bruckner convened the meeting at 2:04pm.

Approval of Minutes – Janet Clayton

Motion to approve minutes of the August 17, 2017, meeting was made and seconded; motion approved.

Treasurer's/Financial Report – Janet Clayton

Motion to approve the Treasurer's/Financial Report as of August 31, 2017, was made and seconded; motion approved.

President's Report – Jim Bruckner

- FY 11 and 12 Cost Settlement Appeals – If your name is highlighted on the sign-in sheet, your county has filed an appeal. All but 5 counties need to withdraw the appeals. Jim has spoken with those 5 counties. Appeal letters need to be addressed to the hearing officer. Please review the email that Jim sent out on Friday.
- Officers had a telephone call with Tim Gallagher. If we contract with Tim, we need to move money from the General Operating Money Market account.
 - o Network Development Activities:
 - Assistance defining the full range and scope of services provided across all of your LHD locations including:
 - Mobile
 - OB and Maternity
 - Communicable Disease (STD and TB)
 - Case Management
 - Family Planning
 - Child Health and Immunizations and Child Primary Care
 - Dental
 - Adult Health and Primary Care
 - Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP)
 - Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
 - Health Promotion and Education
 - Other Community Outreach
 - Environmental Health (Food & Lodging & Septic)
 - Animal Control
 - Assistance comparing and harmonizing LHD range and scope of services across the state and within your particular Medicaid region
 - Assistance with understanding your LHD's particular value as an Essential Provider to each of the various MCO/PLEs
 - Support around how your LHD fits within the geographic network of Essential Providers within your Medicaid Region and the expected contractual requirements forthcoming
 - Centralized collection of LHD issues under Medicaid managed care and the creation of collateral including Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
 - Review and assistance around engaging with representatives from Managed Care Organizations (MCO) and Provider-Led Entities (PLE)
 - Centralized and coordinated review of contracts terms (and rates) offered by MCO/PLEs
 - Recommendations and sounding board on MCO/PLE contracting strategies
 - Coordinated/centralized approach to providing required proposal assistance to MCO/PLEs
 - Coordinated/centralized proposal development and support across MCO/PLE partnerships
 - Coordinated/centralized messaging among LHDs regarding observed MCO/PLE activities
 - Coordinated/centralized monitoring among LHDs regarding MCO/PLE payment methodologies
 - Coordinated/centralized messaging to the State regarding the anticipated transition timeframe to Medicaid managed care
 - Coordinated/centralized effort regarding the measurement and referral for social determinants of health – both in terms of what is being measured and how those efforts will be reimbursed

- Tim will work with health departments in a regional manner. Tim uses Medicaid regions instead of health department regions. Officers recommend moving \$15,000 from the Money Market- General Operating to the daily operations account and amending the budget to include the \$15,000 in the Professional Services-Consulting line for a short term contract with Tim Gallagher. A motion to move \$15,000 from the Money Market to support a short term contract with Tim Gallagher was made; motion was seconded; discussion was held; motion passed.
- Staffing and Services Survey- Danny Staley suggested for everyone to verify data on this survey and make sure it matches the data that is being reported to Tim.

United Healthcare- Travis Looney, Corinna Miller

- Corinna Miller stated United Healthcare does want to be one of three MCOs in NC. Go live date of Medicaid is July 2019. Health Departments are eligible now to participate in DSNP program- Dual Special Needs Population
- Travis Looney-Statewide Manager for community outreach
- Provider Advocates will be holding town hall meetings to share new products between now and January 1.
- Kimberly Totten, Physician Advocate, works with providers to educate staff on policies; new tool, LINK, is an online resource; new provider portal, www.UHDProvider.com.

NCDPH Division Director Report- Danny Staley

- Elaine Russell shared an article from the Huffington Post regarding access to maternal care in the rural areas of our state.
- DPH has been working with the Harvard Center for the Developing Child. Danny encouraged health directors to explore the website. Language nutrition to help develop the brain. Division looking at the social determinants of health.
- WIC –First week of October will roll out eWIC in the New Hanover, Brunswick and Onslow areas.
- GenX is a compound found in water. There has been testing water in Bladen and Cumberland counties as well. DPH staff members have been spending a lot of time researching the compound. The EPA has started non-targeted testing.
- State Health Director’s conference will be in January. Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald, the new CDC Director will be joining us as well as Dr. John Auerbach. Dr. Umair Shah, the NACCHO President, will be in attendance.
- CDC New Health Official Orientation- José Montero will join NCALHD in later winter/early spring to come and share information.
- Lodging rules have passed the Rules Review Commission.
- Role of Dr. Tilson with the Division- Danny is the division director of the DPH and will soon have a deputy director. He reports to the Assistant Secretary of Health. Dr. Tilson is the chief medical officer for DHHS and is the “medical director” for DPH. He works closely with Dr. Tilson.

NCDPH Technical Training and Assistance Branch Report- Phyllis Rocco

- Thank you for submitting the local HD staffing survey. There are some errors in the surveys, i.e., multiple counties stated they did not register vital events.
- Medicaid is reprocessing claims for services rendered on the same date. Medicaid has reworked the recoupment formula. This formula has reduced the original recoupment amount by at least half and is scheduled to be recouped in November. There will be a letter sent. Health Departments will receive advanced notice. Phyllis will provide additional information in October.
- Amanda Fuller Moore, State Pharmacist, encourages health departments to stay on top of the 340B registrations. LHDs cannot switch contract with pharmacy mid-year.

Executive Director’s Report – Lynette Tolson

- Please pay NCALHD and Accreditation Dues.
- Lynette attended the NC Population Collaborative meeting last week. Public Health has been asked to come and speak on public health and social determinants of health at their next quarterly meeting.
- Community Health Center Grants- RFAs will be released in a few months. She recommended starting thinking about integration and partnerships with other safety net providers. Primary care during maternal clinics will be funded.
- NACCHO- Information Sheet from each State- Lynette is completing and will send to the officers for final review.
- NC Tracks issues- Send Lynette an email if you have any issues.

Committee Reports

Environmental Health – Heath Cain/Andy Smith

Action: None

Information: Did not meet

Public Health Prevention & Promotion – Teresa Ellen

Action: None

Information:

- Did not meet

Nomination and Bylaws – Doug Urland

Action: None

Information:

- Did not meet

Education and Awards – Suzanne Wright

Action: None

Information:

- Did not meet

Technology – Nina Oliver/Beth Lovette

Action: None.

Information: Did not meet

Policy and Finance – Dennis Joyner

Action: None

Information: Did not meet

Planning and Innovation – Steve Smith

Action: None

Information: Did not meet

Preparedness/EPI – Lillian Koontz

Action: None

Information: Did not meet

Maternal & Child Health, Care Management and WIC – Stacie Saunders

Action: None

Information: Did not meet

Public Health Regions

Region 1	Elaine Russell	Region 6	Robert Wittman
Region 2	Marianna Daly	Region 7	Lisa Harrison
Region 3	Ann Absher	Region 8	Cris Harrelson
Region 4	Dorothea Wyant	Region 9	Sheila Davies
Region 5	Layton Long	Region 10	Davin Madden

Partner Reports

NCAPHA Report – Lynette Tolson

The Alliance Annual meeting will be October 18th. There will be a lunch, short business meeting and a presentation on the ROI of Maternal and Child Health programs of local health departments project. Lynette will send out additional information.

NCPHA Report – Josh Swift

There are 550 attendees registered, which is one of the highest number of attendees in many years. Josh provided highlights of conference events.

NCSOPHE conference will be 10/26 & 10/27 at UNC-Wilmington.

EDNCPHA will be April 25-27 at Atlantic Beach.

Liaison Reports

ANCBH/NALBOH – Barbara Ann Hughes

ANCBH: Dr. Calvert Jeffers, Jr., DVM, Vice President will present two ANCBH awards during the NCPHA awards banquet, the Carl Durham and Robert Ed Strother Partnership Awards. (No one took time to nominate their board for an outstanding board award.) Citizens for Public Health will be receiving the Howell Award from the Southern Health Association.

Next board meeting will be on October 7 at Guilford Co. Human Services building, Greensboro.

NALBOH: The 2018 conference will be held August 7 – 10 at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree. A program planning committee has been appointed and is composed of either past officers, present board members and members at large. Our first conference call meeting will be by October 6. Here-to-fore the paid staff has done all the work. Folks now want to volunteer to plan the conferences. Please budget funds to allow some of your board members can attend.

You may pay dues any time. Please encourage folks to pay their dues so NALBOH can continue to serve boards of health nationwide. NALBOH had 450 members in 2017 in 35 states. NALBOH is need of sponsors and vendors. Please provide some names. They are updating the strategic plan. If you have questions, please ask Barbara Ann Hughes. Thanks for your support of NALBOH.

NCIPH/SPH Update- Rachel Wilfert

- Training

- 34th Annual North Carolina School Nurse Conference will be held December 6-8, 2017, Greensboro; Registration is now open.
- NC Public Health Leadership Institute 2018 will be held in March 2018; registration opens in November.
- Stop by the NCIPH table at the conference for more information about trainings and other services/support.

- Accreditation

- 35 new and/or back-up Agency Accreditation Coordinators are currently down the hall at the Accreditation 101: New AAC Training. If you have staff who could not make this training or may need it in the coming months, a session will be offered in the eastern part of the state in April 2018 - details coming by December.
- The inaugural NCLHDA Annual Report will be released during the NC Local Health Department Accreditation: Looking at Context and Success conference session this Thursday afternoon. Afterwards, it will also be emailed to all AACs, health directors, and through NCPHA weekly email.

- SPH Other

- Registration is still open (through today at midnight) for the 23rd National Health Equity Research Webcast which will take place this Friday, September 29th from 1:30 pm -4 pm. Titled “The Courage to Lead: Scholar-Activism and Health Equity in Turbulent Times”, it features a panel of speakers including the immediate past president of APHA, Dr. Camara Jones. Register at go.unc.edu/nherw.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm .

Next Meeting

October 19, 2017 at 9:30 am

Location: DPH, Cardinal Room, 5605 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC